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SERIAL NO: 09/897,107   EXAMINER: Ramirez, Delia M.

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FOR: METHOD FOR IMPROVING THERMOSTABILITY OF PROTEINS, PROTEINS HAVING THERMOSTABILITY IMPROVED BY THE METHOD AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE PROTEINS

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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number   , filed   , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120.**

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e):**   <u>Application No.</u>   <u>Date Filed</u>

■ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	MONTH/DAY/YEAR
Japan	2000-201920	July 4, 2000
Japan	2001-164332	May 31, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☐ were filed in prior application Serial No.   filed

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No.   filed   ; and

■ (B) Application Serial No.(s) 2000-201920

   ■ is submitted herewith

   ■ Application No. 2001-164332 was filed on September 25, 2001

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